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SUBJECT: COURT INJUNCTION AND DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY

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1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT INJUNCTION RESTRICTING CONSTRUCTION OF DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY HAS BEEN LIFTED WITH PUBLICATION OF REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY. EMBASSY HAS COPY OF JULY 21 STATEMENT BY FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION NOTIFYING DISTRICT COURT THAT FHWA INTENDS TO RESUME WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE ALSO ADVISED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS NOW REQUESTED OF OMB FY77 FUNDS TO RESUME CONSTRUCTION SOONEST.

2. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT SUPPORT DOT REQUEST FOR FY77 FUNDS FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH IN REFTEL. ACTION BY U.S. COURT HAD AN IMMEDIATE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON U.S.-PANAMANIAN RELATIONS, WHICH WAS MITIGATED SOMEWHAT BY OUR PLEDGE TO WORK AS DILIGENTLY AS POSSIBLE TOWARD RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT TIMELY APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS NEEDED TO FULFILL COMMITMENT FOR ASSISTING IN COMPLETION OF PANAMANIAN PORTION OF DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY CAN BENEFIT SUBSTANTIALLY RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND

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PANAMA AT THIS JUNCTURE IN CANAL NEGOTIATIONS.

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT GENERATED WOULD PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT
INJECTION FOR THE SLUMPTING PANAMANIAN ECONOMY IN THE
SHORT-RUN; LONGER-TERM ECONOMIC BENEFITS ARE ALSO
EXPECTED TO ACCRUE UPON TERMINATION OF HIGHWAY LINK
TO LARGE UNDEVELOPED PORTION OF COUNTRY.

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